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Third Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Prelude Rhoda Mast
 Call to Worship & Opening Prayer Rachel Miller

PRAISING

Congregational Singing Sara King

CHILDREN'S STORY

HEARING GOD'S WORD

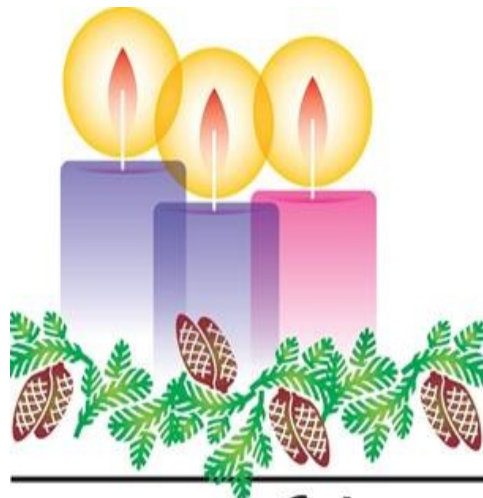
Scripture Reading: Luke 3:7-18
 Message: **Repentance in the Kingdom of God** Jamie Rye
 Time for Reflection

RESPONDING to GOD'S WORD

Song of Response
 Offering
 Congregational Sharing
 Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

SENDING

Closing Song
 Benediction



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Songbook Key
 HWB=Hymnal Worship Book (Blue)
 PWB=Praise & Worship Book (Yellow)
 STJ=Sing The Journey (Green)
 STS=Sing The Story (Purple)

Today - December 16, 2018

- 9:15 am - Sunday School
- 10:20 am - Prelude
- 10:30 am - Worship Service

Greeters:

Toddler Care: Linda Yoder

Sound: Bobby Hershberger

Ushers: Norlan & Deysi Figueroa

Next Sunday - December 23, 2018

Prelude: Praise Team

Worship Leader: Bobby Hershberger

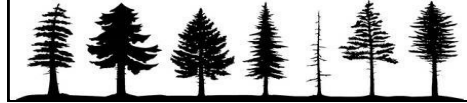
Song Leader: Arlene Yoder

Sound: Phil Yoder

Greeters: Jerry & Lori Priebe

Toddler Care: Genesis Figueroa & Vicenta Posada

Ushers: Yormary Lainez & Beth Hershberger



Sundays At a Glance

December 23 - Jamie speaking, 4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas
 December 30 - Tom Smucker speaking, Mission Sunday, Your Coins Count
 January 6 - Jamie speaking, Communion
 January 13 - Jamie speaking

Upcoming Events

December 18 **Central Christian High School Concert**, 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center
 December 20 **Holmes County Ministerial Meeting**, noon at Jitters
 December 21 **First Day of Winter**
 December 21 **Central Christian Alumni Night**, Fundraiser dinner served 5-7 pm.
 Varsity girls basketball play at 6:00 pm and Varsity boys basketball at 7:30 pm.
 December 25 **Christmas**
 January 31 **Cluster meeting for Ohio Conference Delegates** at Crown Hill
 Mennonite Church in Rittman, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
 February 1-3 **High School Youth Retreat** at Camp Luz

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	<i>(audio sermons are now online under "Worship" menu)</i>	
Ohio Conference	www.ohiomennoniteconference.org	

San Lucas 3:7-18

7 Y decía a las multitudes que salían para ser bautizadas por él: ¡Oh generación de víboras! ¿Quién os enseñó a huir de la ira venidera? 8 Haced, pues, frutos dignos de arrepentimiento, y no comencéis a decir dentro de vosotros mismos: Tenemos a Abraham por padre; porque os digo que Dios puede levantar hijos a Abraham aun de estas piedras. 9 Y ya también el hacha está puesta a la raíz de los árboles; por tanto, todo árbol que no da buen fruto se corta y se echa en el fuego.

10 Y la gente le preguntaba, diciendo: Entonces, ¿qué haremos? 11 Y respondiendo, les dijo: El que tiene dos túnicas, dé al que no tiene; y el que tiene qué comer, haga lo mismo. 12 Vinieron también unos publicanos para ser bautizados, y le dijeron: Maestro, ¿qué haremos? 13 Él les dijo: No exijáis más de lo que os está ordenado. 14 También le preguntaron unos soldados, diciendo: Y nosotros, ¿qué haremos? Y les dijo: No hagáis extorsión a nadie, ni calumniéis; y contentaos con vuestro salario.

15 Como el pueblo estaba en expectativa, preguntándose todos en sus corazones si acaso Juan sería el Cristo, 16 respondió Juan, diciendo a todos: Yo a la verdad os bautizo en agua; pero viene uno más poderoso que yo, de quien no soy digno de desatar la correa de su calzado; él os bautizará en Espíritu Santo y fuego. 17 Su aventador está en su mano, y limpiará su era, y recogerá el trigo en su granero, y quemará la paja en fuego que nunca se apagará.

18 Con estas y otras muchas exhortaciones anunciaba las buenas nuevas al pueblo.

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Birthdays This Week:

Emerson Ramirez - 12/19

Larissa Kooker - 12/22

Our Church:

- Ovidio Flores, our friend in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, is requesting prayer for both his wife Jovita and himself. Both are recovering from cancer. Ovidio recently had two surgeries, one to remove a blood clot and the other to remove cancer of the bladder. He is undergoing radiation into January. Also, please pray for their daughter, Dora, and their granddaughter, Maria, who will be traveling to be with Jovita and Ovidio on Dec. 27.
- Sheryl Kooker is currently serving in a SOOP assignment (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) through Mennonite Mission Network, December 5 – 21, 2018, at the International Guest House in Washington, D.C.
- Please remember the Hazlett family in your prayers
- Paul Thomas broke an arm and is recuperating in the Apostolic Christian Home near Rittman
- Conrad's friend Josh had open heart surgery after a bout of pneumonia and is recovering
- Marta, Yormary Lainez' sister, and Fany Vasquez, who lives in Hope House, are recovering after their accident and continue to need our prayers
- Remember Stan Kaufman, the Kookers, and others in our congregation who are traveling
- **Health:** Kathie Hazlett, Tim Roth, Mary Hipp
- **Visitation:** Bernice Miller, Charlie Welder, Esther Yoder, Dennis Gerber, Paul & Carol Roth, Larry & Jean Sheets, Paul Thomas, Dorothy Mast

Local/Community/Mennonite Church

- **Health:** Kurt Stutzman
- **From Ohio Conference:** Ohio Conference's Immigration Resource Team will be meeting Dec. 20 to continue its work on developing a resolution to present to the delegates at Annual Conference Assembly in March. This team is composed of Dan King, Hannah Troyer, Mara Weaver Boshart, Kelsey Troyer and Alysa Short. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's direction as they work together at creating this document

State/Nation/World/Missions

- **From Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Mark and Mary Hurst as they prepare to move to a new area west of Sydney. Pray for them as they settle in and continue their ministry of teaching, peacemaking and hospitality with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand.

Office Hours This Week:

Jamie	Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Margaret	Weds., Fri.	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Treasury Work	Wednesday	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Prayer & Praise

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Advent III

Repentance in the Kingdom of God

Luke 3:7-18

Jamie Rye

Sermon Notes

Treasurer's Report 2018

Attendance December 9: 54

Offering December 9:

General Fund:	\$889.61
MYF:	
Ext. Missions:	
Designated:	<u>240.00</u>
Total Offering:	\$1,129.61

General Offering		Giving Per Sunday Avg.	
YTD Goal	\$178,020.00	Budget Goal	\$3,870.00
YTD Giving	<u>169,653.04</u>	Actual Avg. Giving	<u>\$3,688.11</u>
Over/(Under)	\$ (8,366.96)	Over/(Under)	\$ (181.89)

Story, Song and Supper - MMC Christmas Celebration December 23

Join the Millersburg Mennonite family – Sunday, December 23rd from 6-8pm - for a very relaxed evening celebration centered around the conclusion of Advent and the birth of Jesus. There will be a carry-in (so bring something yummy if you can), group singing, storytelling and candle lighting.

IMPORTANT: We recognize that for several MMC families there is a substantial commute to the Church. Therefore we are asking MMC families who live locally to consider opening your homes for the afternoon should these families need a place to relax after the AM service in anticipation of the evening gathering. Let Margaret or Conrad Yoder know if your home is available, OR if you'd like to be hosted in a local family's home. 740-502-1745

MMC Announcements for Upcoming Sundays.

Sunday morning services on December 23 and December 30 will be on a normal schedule. Tom Smucker, former MDS Bi-National Director, will be our guest speaker on the 30th.

Sunday Morning - January 6th we will be sharing Communion together.

Thank You from Paul Thomas

"Thanks for the lovely flowers! I am doing reasonably well. I also appreciate your cards, thoughts and prayers!" His current address is:

Paul Thomas, Room 317
Apostolic Christian Home
10680 Steiner Road
Rittman, OH 44270

Help Provide Comfort for Infants this Christmas

Millersburg Mennonite is collecting Infant Kits for MCC. Please bring to church soon. Flyers were put in the church mailboxes with the list of contents for these kits. Please contact Amy or Leah with any questions. Thank You!

Are Your Dishes Missing??

The Food Committee reminds you to check the kitchen for any stray dishes that you may have left behind. If the dishes go unclaimed for too long, they will be sent to the pound-Save and Serve, so please check soon! There are various towels also.

Order Supplies Online for MCC Hygiene or Relief Kits

This Christmas as you pick out gifts for loved ones, why not add a few supplies for MCC kits to your list? As families around the world face disaster and crisis, MCC kits and comforters remind them that their needs are not forgotten. There is a new, easy way for you to get involved! MCC Great Lakes has put together a list of most needed items on Amazon.com. Simply purchase the pre-selected items on the wish list and the items will ship directly to the material resource center in Goshen. Thank you for joining MCC in sharing God's love and compassion this Christmas. **Search "MCC Great Lakes" in Amazon Wish Lists.**

Thriving in the Stormy Seas of Change - Leadership Training

50th annual School for Leadership Training at Eastern Mennonite University, "Thriving in the Stormy Seas of Change" January 14-16, 2019. Pastors and church leaders are well aware of the tumultuous seas in which we serve. Significant changes and conflicts in contemporary politics, churches and denominations and in our personal lives present challenges and opportunities for preaching and leading the church today. Church leaders riding these waves of change yearn for deep communion with God's Spirit and for inspiring worship with other leaders in order to thrive in ministry. School for Leadership Training 2019 will provide this worshipful and renewing encounter through the narrative of Jesus' crossing the stormy sea with his disciples in Mark 4:35-41. Keynote speakers are Sue Park-Hur, John Pavlovitz and David Evans. Scholarships are available for pastors and church leaders to attend. For more information and to register <https://emu.edu/seminary/slt/>

Central Christian School News and Events

1. Community Service Day (CSD)

Thank you for your strong affirmation of the ministry at Central Christian School. As we continue to serve the churches by supporting their Biblical teachings, we are encouraged by over \$225,000 in contributions.

2. **Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups** will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. CCS alumni are invited to join the orchestra for the annual playing of the Sleigh Ride. www.ccscomets.org

3. **Central Christian Alumni Night, December 21:** Baseball fundraiser meal served 5-7 pm. Varsity girls basketball play at 6:00 pm and Varsity boys basketball at 7:30 pm vs. Lucas High School. All alumni get in free and will be eligible for prize drawings. www.ccscomets.org

4. Save the date: **Central Christian School's Annual Auction** will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019, beginning with breakfast in the cafeteria at 7 am. Joseph Mast will kick off the live auction at 9 am. There will be a large selection of items in our silent auction as well. As Central's largest fundraiser, all funds raised go for tuition assistance to enable students to have an excellent Christ-centered education. We hope to see you there! www.ccscomets.org